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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. In paragraph 30 of the annex to its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the General Assembly decided that the same arrangements as those relating to the governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) should apply to the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme (WFP), and consultations between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) should be undertaken as soon as possible for that purpose, in view of the fact that WFP was an autonomous joint organ of both. That process should lead to the adoption of parallel resolutions by the General Assembly and the FAO Conference.

2. At its thirty-seventh session, in May 1994, the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes took up the matter of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/162. The Committee agreed that the implementation of the resolution was binding on the Committee and recalled that paragraph 30 of the annex to that resolution recognized that WFP was an autonomous joint organ of both the United Nations and FAO. The Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group, open to all Committee members and the European Economic Community (EEC) as an observer, to prepare the necessary decisions which followed from resolution 48/162. The Committee further agreed that the Working Group would also consider necessary changes in the General Regulations of the Programme that would arise from the move from the present project-based approach to a country-based programme approach as set out in General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992.

3. The Working Group met on four occasions during the summer months, and will submit its report to the Committee at its thirty-eighth session scheduled to be held in Rome from 12 to 16 December 1994.

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4. In accordance with paragraph 30 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 48/162, a series of consultations have been held between the secretariats of the United Nations and FAO. Following these consultations, and with regard to the future steps to be taken in fulfilment of the requirements of resolution 48/162, the attention of the Assembly is drawn to the need for the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council to determine the manner in which these bodies initially, and the General Assembly and the FAO Conference thereafter, would review the recommendations expected to emanate from the Committee at its forthcoming meeting.